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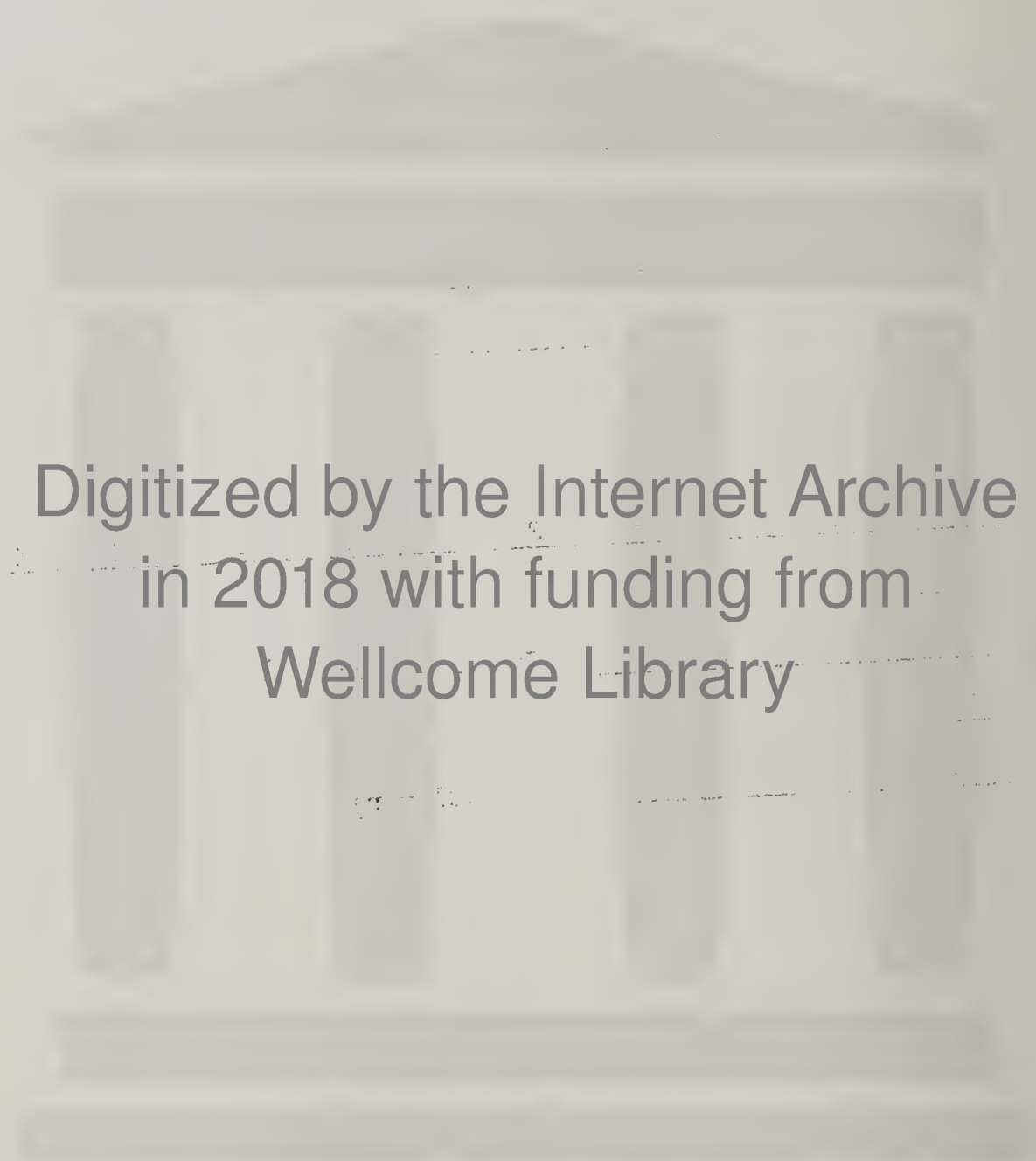
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (Dr H.R. Morrison)

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR (Mr W.Glover)



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TO THE CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

The report is prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry of Health.

The mid-year population is estimated by the Registrar General at 1,580, a decrease of 410 since 1970.

There were 13 live births compared with 20 in 1970. The live birth rate was 10.8 being lower than that for England and Wales, which is 16.0. There was one illegitimate birth.

Total deaths numbered 23 (26 in 1970) and the death rate at 11.00 is lower than that for England and Wales at 11.6. There was one infant death during the year.

The main causes of death were Heart Disease 8, and Cancer 6.

One case of Infectious Disease was notified during the year - Measles.

Water Supply The water supply Authority for the District is the Northallerton and Dales Water Board.

Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service

I had confidently hoped to record that the Reeth, Fremington and Grinton Sewerage Disposal Scheme was under construction. Sadly, I must again record that, although the Council are proceeding with the scheme it is delayed, mainly on account of difficulty regarding the site of the proposed works.

The Arkengarthdale scheme is also still under consideration, although the Council have approved it in principle.

I must also express my sympathy for Mr Beckwith who has had to retire on medical grounds. Mr Beckwith has been ill for some time and, therefore, the Public Health Inspector's report which follows is the work of Mr W. Glover, who has been appointed to succeed him from the 1st November, 1972.

H.R. MORRISON
Medical Officer of Health

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
GENERAL STATISTICS
1971

Area of District in acres	74,566 acres
Resident population Registrar-General's mid-year estimate 1971.	1,580
Number of inhabited houses at 1st April 1971	931
Rateable value at 1st April 1971	£37,444
Sum represented by a penny rate	321
Rate in £ levied at 1st April 1971	63.5p

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS . The number of live births registered in the District during the year 1971 was 13 as against 20 in 1970. The birth rate comparisons show that the rate for the District is lower than the rest of England and Wales. There were no still births registered during the year.

BIRTH RATE COMPARISONS

Live births per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparability Factor supplied by the Registrar General).

	<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Still Births</u>
Reeth Rural District 1970	13.3	Nil
Reeth Rural District 1971	10.8	Nil
England and Wales, 1971	16.0	12,00

Analysis of Births

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Legitimate	9	3	12	7
Illegitimate	-	1	-	1
	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

Illegitimate Live Births 8.00% of total live births.

<u>Still Birth</u>	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Legitimate	-	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-

Deaths - Maternal Mortality.

During 1971 there was no case of a woman dying through childbirth in the District.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of infants under one who died during the year was one.

Infantile Mortality - Comparison per 1,000 live Births.

Reeth Rural District 1970	50.00
Reeth Rural District 1971	77.00
England and Wales	18.00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.....	83.00
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	00.00
Neo-natal Mortality rate(death under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	00.00
Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	00.00
Peri-natal Mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births(.....	00.00

Deaths from all Causes.

During the year 1971 there were 23 deaths from all causes registered in the District, as against 26 deaths in 1970. The death rate is lower than that for England and Wales.

Death Rate Comparisons

Death rate per 1,000 population (as adjusted by Comparability Factor supplied by the Registrar General).

Reeth Rural District 1971	11.00
Reeth Rural District 1970	9.8
England and Wales 1971	11.6

Causes of all Deaths - 1971 compared with 1970

	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - Oesophagus	1	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	-	1	-
Anaemias	-	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	1	1	-	-
Mental disorders	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasms - uterus	-	2	-	-
Suicide and self inflicting injuries	1	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	4	4	5	4
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	-	-	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	-	3	2	1
Other diseases of circulatory system	-	-	-	1

Causes of all deaths - 1971 compared with 1970 (cont'd)

	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Pneumonia	1	-	-	2
All other accidents	-	-	1	-
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	-	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	-	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	11	12	11	15

Number of deaths from the Seven Chief Causes

Rates and Comparisons with Previous year per 1,000 population

	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
TB Pulmonary	-	-	-	-
TB Non-pulmonary	-	-	-	-
Cancer	6	3.75	1	1.01
Heart Disease	8	5.00	9	4.50
Respiratory Disease	-	-	3	1.50
Other Circulatory Disease	2	1.25	1	0.50
Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	-	-	3	1.50
TOTALS	16	10.00	18	9.01

Analysis of Infectious Disease and Comparisons with Previous Year

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Tuberculosis	-	-
Measles	1	81
	1	81

One Generalised Duties Nurse is employed by the North Riding County Council to carry out duties for the District. The following is the number of visits made to patients during 1971 and comparison with previous year.

<u>Category</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>
Domiciliary Midwife	105	98
Home Nursing	1639	1250
Health Visiting	378	895

Domestic Help Service

	<u>1971</u>		<u>1970</u>	
	Cases	Hours	Cases	Hours
Sick Housewife	-	-	2	300
Chronic Sick	8	1117	10	2669
Acute Illness	11	246	-	-
Totals	19	1363	12	2969

Infant Welfare Clinic

A Clinic is held at Reeth once per month and there were 169 attendances during the year.

Meals on Wheels

This service is organised by the ARVS. In 1970 there were 1577 meals served compared with 1674 served in 1971.

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report: Year ending 31st December 1971.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector: W.G. Glover, M.A.P.H.I.

To the Chairman and Members of the Reeth Rural District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December 1971.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supplies

The supply of water for domestic and industrial premises in the area is the responsibility of the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board. There has been shortages of supply during the year at Reeth, Healaugh and Marrick owing to the dry summer. The extension and renewal of the water supply situation outlined by the Water Board is proceeding very slowly. The new mains supply for Reeth and the lower dale is still under consideration by the Water Board. Samples of water taken by the Board from the various supplies show varying degrees of contamination by surface water, though none have been entirely unsatisfactory.

The individual private supplies in the area to single houses and farms are derived from impounded springs, and though liable to contamination by surface water have shown no cause for complaint during the year.

Sewerage

The Sewage Disposal scheme to supply Reeth, Fremington and Grinton has been held up because of difficulties over the site at Grinton. I am very concerned over the present disposal arrangements for Reeth, which are very unsatisfactory, inadequate for the population they serve, and discharging a "crude sewage" effluent to the River Swale.

A survey for the provision of sewers and sewage disposal works for Arkengarthdale was prepared by your Consulting Engineers, Messrs. John Dosser & Associates of York, but I understand that because of the high cost involved no approval was given to this scheme, though it must be pointed out that there is an every growing need for proper sewage disposal in this area because of alterations and improvements to many of the existing cottage properties formerly without proper sanitation.

The proper maintenance of existing works in the area cannot be carried out satisfactorily because of lack of staff. At the present time the refuse collection workmen cope as best they can, and this causes disruption of the collection service. The works at Thwaite are maintained on a part time basis.

Closet Accommodation

	<u>no.</u>
a. Conversion of closets to water carriage systems	4
b. Houses with water carriage systems	75
c. Houses without water carriage systems	82
d. Houses connected to council sewers	432

Public Cleansing

The collection and disposal of domestic refuse has been maintained during the year, in spite of weather conditions and staff holidays. Extra time and some Saturdays have allowed the workmen to keep abreast of the
/work....

work following Bank Holidays, etc., and special journeys have been made to outlying areas by arrangements with the owners. An occasional tip, for use during winter only, is available at Ellerton Abbey. There are stringent conditions attached to this tip and it will only be used during an extreme emergency,

Housing

There have been no new houses erected by the Council during the year. Schemes at Reeth for the erection of bungalows for old people have been prepared by your Housing Consultants, Messrs. Holmville Ltd, Keighly and have been submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval. It is hoped that this scheme will commence early in 1972.

Three new houses have been erected by private enterprise and one conversion of an existing building to a dwelling, brings the total of new houses for year up to four.

Existing Houses

Number of houses in the area	958
Number of houses in Clearance Areas.	NIL
Number of houses made fit after formal action	NIL
Number of houses made fit after informal action	4
Unfit houses occupied and subject to closing orders	NIL
Unfit houses closed and subject to an undertaking not to relet	1

House Purchase and Housing Acts

1. Standard Grants

a. New applications received	10
b. Number approved	10
c. Number of completions in 1971 (from previous years)	7
d. Total Expenditure on c. above	£ 3018
e. Total amount of grant paid on d. above	£ 1240
f. Average amount of grant per house	£ 177

After Standard Grants each house was brought up to the five point standard.

2. Discretionary Grants

a. New applications received	8
b. New applications approved	8
c. Number of completions in 1971 (including previous year)	6
d. Total expenditure on c. above	£ 12970
e. Total grant on d. above paid out	£ 4461
f. Average amount of grant per house	£ 743

Inspection of Dwellinghouses

a. Total number of houses inspected during the year for Housing Defects (Public Health/Housing)	35
b. Number of inspections for this purpose	53
c. Number of houses found to be unfit for habitation	1
d. Number of houses requiring repairs made fit as a result of informal action by L.A. Officers.	5

Housing Act 1957 - Overcrowding

There is no overcrowding in this area.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

There is one butcher's shop, 16 General Dealers retail shops and 8 cafes in the area registered for the storage and sale of food. In addition there are 3 food retailing vans, Youth Hostels, Boarding Houses and licensed premises where food is prepared for consumption. The standard of cleanliness, and means of storage and preparation of food is generally satisfactory.

Milk Supplies

All milk retailed in the area comes from "produced retailers", and delivery vans have been kept clean.

Slaughterhouse

The one licensed slaughterhouse was closed midway through the year, and since then no animals have been slaughtered for sale for human consumption in the area.

Meat Inspection

	<u>Cattle(excluding Cows)</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Numbers killed	17	-	-	18	5
Numbers Inspected	17	-	-	18	5
TOTAL	17	-	-	18	5
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases part or organ condemned	3	1	NIL	4	NIL
Weight of unsound food condemned	430lbs.				

Inspection of Registered Premises, Food, Hygiene Regulations

Total number of inspections	111
Number of unsatisfactory conditions found	3
Number remedied	3
Meat inspection visits	17
Number of carcasses inspected	40

The unsatisfactory conditions found on food premises during the course of inspection were food exposed for sale in a position liable to contamination and improper handling of foodstuffs.

Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act 1963

Registration of Premises

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. Registered</u>
Offices	2
Retail Shops	1
Wholesale Warehouses	1
Catering Establishments	5
TOTAL	<u>9</u>

There has been no contravention of the above Act during the year, no certificate of exemption have been applied for and there has been no reported accidents.

Rodent Control

<u>Properties other than sewers</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in district	799	234
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	26	6
3. b. Number infested by i. rats	16	6
ii. mice	10	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	23	41
b. Number infested by i. rats	6	6
ii. mice	2	-

Factories Act (Part 1)

Number of Premises on the Register 6
 Number of inspections 15
 There have been no contraventions of the Factories Act
 (Part1) during the year.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act

Number of Caravan Sites with planning consent 18
 Number of Camping Sites 8
 Number of Visits 24

All caravan sites have been kept clean and tidy and free from complaints. All camps organised during the year have been orderly and well controlled and there have been no contraventions of licenses.

General Inspections made during the year.

Drainage work in progress 42. Complaints investigated 21. Housing improvements work in progress 80. Housing Improvements completion inspections 20. Revisits general 33. Water supplies (private) 9. Offices and Shops Act 15. Factories workshops 11. Catering Establishments 22. Petroleum Regulations 16. Sewage Disposal Works 38.

Conclusion

I wish to record my thanks to the Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Public Health and Housing Committee, Members of the Council, Dr. Morrison, Medical Officer of Health and the Clerk of the Council, Mr H.B. Scott and his staff for the courtesy and assistance extended to me during the preparation of the Report. I must also express my sympathy for your Public Health Inspector during 1971, Mr W.T. Beckwith who was taken ill at the beginning of 1972: and was unable to complete the Report The information given in the Annual Report was collected from records and reports maintained by Mr Beckwith and compiled after his retirement in October 1972.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant,

W. Glover

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

